

Students in line for tuition, fee increases

By Trey Mendez
Sports Editor

UTB/TSC students will see their tuition increase in Fall 2001 thanks to a state legislative mandate.

Rosemary Martinez, vice president for Business Affairs, said that TSC tuition would increase \$1 per credit hour and UTB tuition would increase \$2 per credit hour.

"The actual tuition rate is state set, the legislature sets

it," Martinez said. "What TSC charges based on a tuition agreement is 58 percent of what UTB charges."

The legislative authority on tuition expires at the end of this year, Martinez said.

Also, there is a university proposal to increase the Designated Tuition, formerly the General Use Fee, from \$18 to \$25 per credit hour. A hearing on this proposal was conducted on campus last month, but only three students

attended (see story on Page 2).

The Designated Tuition increase is expected to generate an additional \$1,447,677 in revenue for a total of \$5,170,275.

Of the \$7 increase in Designated Tuition, \$1 will be set aside for the Arnulfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library and another \$1 will go to provide supplies and materials to various labs on campus. A decision has not been made as

to how the remaining \$5 is to be spent.

"When the budget process starts, we will have a sense for what the university's needs are and what our priorities are going to be," Martinez said.

The Business Affairs chief said the money must be used for instructional, operational or administrative spending, which ranges from construction and utility costs to staff and faculty salaries.

Martinez emphasized that none of the proposed fees or increases are official yet.

"They are not a done deal until we receive approval from [the UT] System [board of regents]."

Other fees set to increase are the Student Services Fee, from \$9.10 to \$10 per credit hour; a new \$50 fee is proposed for juniors entering the School of Business.

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Continuing Education gets new home at Duffey Building

By Debra Wilborn
Staff Writer

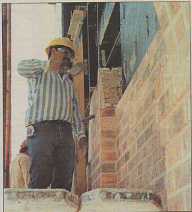
Continuing Education classes have commenced at the Duffey Building, once the downtown branch of Chase Bank.

The bank was to house administrative offices, but city organizations such as the Brownsville Economic Development Board suggested a use with a high turnover to stimulate business downtown.

University officials agreed and the building will serve as the permanent home for Continuing Education and workforce training programs, except for the Language Institute, which will remain in Stokely Hall.

Continuing Education was conducting classes wherever space was available, with offices in the WWII barracks next to Cavalry Hall and in the American Legion Hall at the Riverside Campus.

The barracks were removed last week by Castillo House Movers, which bought the



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Cruz Manriquez works on the Life and Health Sciences Building.

buildings for \$1,000. It would have cost the university 10 times that to have them hauled off, Physical Plant Director Grady Deaton said.

The American Legion Hall

will serve as home to the Business Affairs Division, currently in tight quarters in Tandy Hall. After the move,

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University presents legislative agenda

By John Strubelt
Staff Writer

UTB/TSC presented its agenda to the 77th Texas Legislature last week. Among the university's highest priorities are full-formula funding as well as funds for the second phase of the Life and Health Sciences building and a new School of Business building.

The Texas Legislature meets biannually and creates a budget for the next two years. The Legislature meets this month and ends its session in May.

"We have to live with a budget that's created this spring that's going to take care of us for two years," Vice President for External Affairs Tony Zavaleta said.

"That's not so bad if you're not growing and you don't have needs—then you're coast. But that's not our situation. We're an institution that is rapidly growing, has great and huge needs, and so we're always playing catchup," he said.

The university's last legislative agenda was used as a "point

of departure" for this year's.

"We were very successful in many ways with our agenda last time but not totally," Zavaleta said. "You're never going to receive 100 percent of what you ask for in any given situation."

The university's legislative agenda is an ongoing strategic plan on campus. Faculty and staff meet and discuss what direction the university should be heading.

At the same time, UTB must follow TSC needs as well as those of the UT System.

"We couldn't be out there doing something by ourselves," Zavaleta said. "We develop our strategic plan in conjunction with the TSC board of trustees and the University of Texas board of regents and we put forth out of this our agenda."

Zavaleta had the job of developing UTB/TSC's legislative agenda with the support of the campus community.

He was a member of the Strategic Planning Committee and met with the TSC board of

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On Campus

University seeks to increase designated tuition by \$7

By **Hildefonso Ortiz**
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UTB/TSC students might have to dig much deeper into their pockets if a proposal to increase the designated tuition by \$7 is approved by the UT System board of regents next month.

The university wants to increase the fee from \$18 to \$25 per credit hour. If approved, it would go into effect in Fall 2001.

A public hearing on the proposal was held at the Gorgas boardroom Dec. 13, but only two students, both Student Government Association officers, attended.

Fliers announcing the hearing were posted Dec. 6, the first day of finals, and the hearing itself was held the day after finals, raising the question of why the university conducted the hearing when most students were gone from campus.

Hector Castillo, executive assistant to UTB/TSC President Juliet V. Garcia, said the hearing was being held in accordance with the Texas Education Code "to allow students an opportunity to voice their opinion."

The Student Services Fee Advisory Committee approved a library fee of \$1 per semester credit hour and some laboratory fees, Castillo said.

"The administration of the university, after careful research and analysis and after the Student Fee Advisory Committee had met, believed that we should do away with the laboratory fee increases, the new library fee, and instead increase the designated fee," Castillo said, referring to proposed fees recommended for approval by the Student Services Fee Advisory Committee in November.

He said part of the revenues generated by the designated tuition increase would go to the library in lieu of the library

fee and part of it would go to fund laboratory operations in lieu of the increases approved by the Student Fee Advisory Committee.

"The designated use fee is a fee approved by the Legislature that all institutions in Texas charge," Castillo said. "Our institution's fee is one of the lowest in Texas. The last time we increased the fee was in 1996, and our enrollment has increased by more than 50 percent, which means that we must provide more services and enhance services with the same revenue."

Castillo then opened the floor to questions from the students.

Asked by The Collegian why this proposal was not brought before the Student Services Fee Advisory Committee, Olivia Rivas, vice president for Student Affairs, answered, "This is called a designated tuition, so the title of it is not fee. The approval of this increase takes a different route from the fee route. The fee route goes to the fee committee. Tuition goes through open hearings, so the comment and review process is different for the designated tuition and the fee."

"After all the review of the fees went through all appropriate reviews, the final person who makes decisions is the president. When she received all of that, then she looked at it in terms of what other sources of revenue can we increase. At that time she considered the designated tuition based on what other schools were doing."

Asked why the hearing was scheduled late in the semester, Rivas replied: "Because we didn't finish all of our review of fees until November and had we started much sooner perhaps... everything would have been moved up. But we were trying to beat the timeline to send this information to [UT] System. And we have

until Dec. 15 for everything to be at System."

Rivas later told The Collegian that the fee review process began in September.

Castillo said the increase in tuition would increase revenue by about \$1.4 million, using current enrollment figures.

Of the \$7 increase, Rivas said \$1 is designated for the library, another dollar is designated for the laboratory fee, and the remaining \$5 is to be distributed for other campus services and functions.

She explained that the new revenue would be used to increase the number of faculty, staff and other resources for instruction.

Roman Perez, the newly appointed secretary of SGA and a member of the Student Services Fee Advisory Committee, questioned the proposal's fairness.

"Why should a government major have to pay for the laboratory fees of a biology student, which can be very expensive?" Perez asked.

"This will allow us... to distribute more resources to all departments, whether it's English or accounting or biology or reading," Rivas replied, adding that she does not know what the distribution formula is going to be.

Perez asked what would happen to the lab and library fee increases recommended for approval by the fee panel.

Rivas answered that they would be absorbed by the designated tuition increase. Perez asked whether the designated tuition increase would keep administrators from returning to the fee panel to seek additional increases.

"We should not see another increase in the near future," Rivas said.

Student Government Vice President Ana B. Perez asked if the increased tuition would help to add software to the

Proposed Fees and Fee Increases for Academic Year 2001-2002*

Compulsory:

• Student Services Fee: Would increase 10 percent, from \$9.00 per semester credit hour to \$9.90 per semester credit hour. Increase would generate \$188,198 in additional revenue.

• Designated Tuition (Formerly General Use Fee): Would increase from \$18 per semester credit hour to \$25 per semester credit hour (last increased in 1996-97). Would generate an estimated \$1,447,677 in additional revenue.

• Academic Fees:
• Quick TASP Fee: New \$10 fee for students who take the Quick TASP in lieu of the regular TASP. Would raise \$15,000 in revenue.

• Teacher Education Program Admission Fee: New \$50 fee per student in the School of Education upon application to the Teacher Education Program. Would raise \$15,000 in revenue.

• School of Education-Field Experience Fee: New \$250 fee for students who take EDUC 610.085 and EDUC 622.05. Would raise \$11,000 in revenue.

• Admission to School of Business Upper Division Fee: New \$30 fee for students admitted into Upper Division in the School of Business. Would raise \$2,000 in revenue.

• Copy/Print Card Fee: New fee for a copy/print card—\$10 for 250 copies/print from any computer designated for student use; additional of copiers/print at 5 cents. Would raise \$40,000 in revenue.

• ID Replacement Fee: Increase the fee from \$7 to \$10 per card (last increased in 1998-2000).

• Overdue Books Fee: Fee would increase from 10 cents to 25 cents per day for regular overdue books and 25 cents per hour for overdue reserve books; with a maximum of \$25 per book (last increased 1999-2000).

• Lost Book Replacement Fee: Would increase from \$10 to \$25 for lost books, in addition to a fine and the cost of the book (last increased 1999-2000).

Supplemental Fees:

• Individual Preferences: New \$95 fee for students taking ARTS 1314

• Two-Dimensional Design: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$45 for students taking ARTS 1311

• Three-Dimensional Design: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$45 for students taking ARTS 1312

• Drawing I: Increase in fee from \$36 to \$45 for students taking ARTS 1316

• Drawing II: Increase in fee from \$36 to \$45 for students taking ARTS 1317

• Introduction Sculpture: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 1370

• Drawing: Increase in fee from \$36 to \$45 for students taking ARTS

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• Painting: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$70 for students taking ARTS 1376

• Painting II: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$70 for students taking ARTS 1314

• Painting III: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2526

• Painting IV: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2527

• Computer Imaging I: Increase in fee from \$20 to \$45 for students taking ARTS 2317

• Computer Imaging II: Increase in fee from \$20 to \$45 for students taking ARTS 2318

• Computer Imaging III: Increase in fee from \$20 to \$45 for students taking ARTS 2319

• Computer Imaging IV: Increase in fee from \$20 to \$45 for students taking ARTS 2320

• Ceramics I: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2346

• Ceramics II: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2347

• Photography I: Increase in fee from \$30 to \$45 for students taking ARTS 2356

• Photography II: Increase in fee from \$30 to \$45 for students taking ARTS 2357

• Introduction to Ceramics I: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2377

• Introduction to Ceramics II: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2378

• Pottery Making I: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2379

• Pottery Making II: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2380

• Pottery Making III: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2381

• Pottery Making IV: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2382

• Pottery Making V: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2383

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• Pottery Making VIII: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2386

• Pottery Making IX: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2387

• Pottery Making X: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2388

• Pottery Making XI: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2389

• Pottery Making XII: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2390

• Pottery Making XIII: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2391

• Pottery Making XIV: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2392

• Pottery Making XV: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2393

• Pottery Making XVI: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2394

• Pottery Making XVII: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2395

• Pottery Making XVIII: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2396

• Pottery Making XIX: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2397

• Pottery Making XX: Increase in fee from \$40 to \$95 for students taking ARTS 2398

On Campus

Perry visits university, proposes reforms

By John Strubelt
Staff Writer

On Jan. 4, new Texas Gov. Rick Perry visited UTB/TSC to announce a series of proposed reforms in higher education that would make college more available and affordable to Texans.

This news conference, held at the SET-B foyer, was one of 11 held throughout the state and represents Perry's first major policy initiative since taking office Dec. 21.

"When I took the oath of office as the 47th governor of the state of Texas, I told Texans that as long as I served in public office, that my passion would be for higher education," Perry said. "A college education is a ticket—a ticket to opportu-

nity, a ticket into the new millennium."

The proposed reforms are based upon three core principles:

- Higher education should be accessible to every willing Texan.

- The success of colleges and universities depends on the success of public education.

- The ultimate goal is to educate.

"This report is aptly titled 'Moving Every Texan Forward,'" Perry said. "That's because that's what education is really about. Providing hope for greater opportunity for every one of our citizens."

The proposals were developed by the Special Commission on 21st Century



Texas Gov. Rick Perry speaks at a news conference Jan. 4 in the SET-B foyer. It was one of 11 held throughout the state and represents Perry's first major policy initiative since taking office Dec. 21.

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Colleges and Universities, a diverse group of educators, business leaders and state senators formed by Perry in 1999 to examine the state's

higher education system.

"What [the commission] found were a lot of things that they liked and they found few things that they

think we can do better," Perry said. "I'll tell you this—I'm never going to stand by or be satisfied with the status quo when the goal is something greater."

Among the recommendations for this legislative session is a proposal to more than double the funding for the TEXAS Grant program.

Grants would be available to every Texan in households earning up to \$50,000 a year.

The commission recommends that the Texas Legislature create the TEXAS Grant II program to provide financial aid to community and technical college students.

It also proposes a change in the way Texas colleges

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Multimillion-dollar gift to establish endowments

By Debra Wilborn
Staff Writer

University officials were notified in December that they had received a \$2 million gift from the Houston Endowment. Of this amount, \$1.5 million is for the creation of up to five endowed faculty members.

The remaining \$500,000 is matching funds for student scholarships.

UTB/TSC has two years to raise another \$500,000 before the matching funds will be available, said Rafael Vela, UTB/TSC director of the Office of Development.

"The whole package could add up to \$2.5 million," Vela said.

Houston Endowment Inc. was established by businessman Jesse H. Jones in the mid-1950s and has made large contributions to the arts in the Houston area, namely Jones Hall and the Houston Society for the Performing Arts.

The \$2 million is the largest single gift UTB/TSC has received from the private sector and is one of the largest

donations the Houston Endowment has made outside of the Houston area.

"We began working on this two years ago," said Vice President for External Affairs Tony Zavaleta. "You just don't go to a foundation and ask them for money and then figure out what to do with it."

The foundation required a detailed and concise proposal stating need and intent. The four-component proposal requested a \$3.75 million commitment from the Houston Endowment, including \$1.75 million for scholarships and \$1.5 million in matching funds from UTB/TSC. Houston Endowment committed to only \$2 million, but no one is complaining.

"For an organization like the Houston Endowment to give to UTB/TSC is shows other organizations that investing in UTB/TSC really reaps very high returns," Vela said. "They are part of our family and they understand the direction we are going. This is going to make an impact for a long time."

A total of \$1.5 million of the endowment will be used to

create the first three endowed chairs at UTB/TSC.

The first position is in the College of Science, Mathematics and Technology.

The other two are Presidential Endowed Chairs in Academic Leadership and in U.S.-Mexico Border Studies.

An endowed chair is a faculty position of note held by a person of significance in terms of his or her ability.

The faculty member will also facilitate research in the field the endowment was given.

The minimum amount needed to establish an endowed chair in the University of Texas System is \$500,000. Interest accrued by the principal supplements the salary of the faculty member awarded the endowed chair.

The endowments are significant to Vela because they attract world-class faculty from around the country and are also available to faculty on campus.

Vela also believes these first endowments will help leverage more endowed chairs.

"In development the hardest thing is to get the first of

something," said Vela. "The corporate sector and foundations want to be involved in an institution with a proven track record."

The first payment of \$750,000 was received Jan. 4. The full \$1.5 million pledge will be complete by March 2002.

Once the funds mature 12 months later, the first appointments can be made.

Even though part of the pledge is still outstanding, the first distribution will be available at the end of the current quarter, said Bea Lopez, program director for Gift Administration and Alumni Relations.

It will be up to UTB/TSC to decide to make the first appointments or to reinvest the distribution, making subsequent returns that much larger.

"It's fantastic because this is something that can never go back," Lopez said. "This will continue to increase because the market will increase."

Vela agreed.

"That's the beauty of endowment," he said. "You will never touch the \$1.5 mil-

lion dollars. It's always there to benefit."

The remaining \$500,000 endowment will directly impact students in perpetuity.

During the next two years university officials will seek contributions from the community to raise \$500,000, at which point the Houston Endowment will match those funds. Students will then benefit from a scholarship endowment fund of \$1 million.

"Clearly one of the most important things we can do here is to provide money for students that cannot afford to go to school," Zavaleta said. "When we went to the Houston Endowment we didn't just ask for money for scholarships but said we would match what they gave us."

In 1997 the Houston Endowment gave UTB/TSC \$1.25 million in support of equipment for SET-B. Foundation staff visited the campus to see how the previous gift was spent and invited the university to apply for

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On Campus

Students push for handicapped parking decals

By Josie Chávez

Staff Writer

Disabled students who use handicapped parking spaces will have to wait at least two more weeks to receive special parking permits, university officials said.

The permits were ordered after Arthur Beltrán, a freshman and veteran, and Roman Pérez, a junior history major, complained to university officials about the trouble they had finding unoccupied handicapped parking spaces on campus.

Steve Wilder, counselor for the Learning Support Center and sponsor of the Disabilities Awareness Club, said the Disabilities Awareness Club requested a special parking permit for vehicles used by the handicapped.

Prior to last semester, disabled students were given a regular parking permit with a handicapped tag attached to it.

However, when new parking permits were issued for Fall 2000, no special permits were

made for vehicles for the handicapped, Wilder said.

The problem began when people who read fliers posted around campus stating that the only requirements to use a handicapped parking space were to display a UTB/TSC parking decal and a state handicapped tag, Wilder said. Some people borrowed state permits and parked their vehicles in spaces reserved for the handicapped to save time in finding space at a reasonable distance from their classes, he said.

"Anyone can use the spaces even though they are not handicapped ... they can borrow a tag and use the space that properly belongs to a person with a real disability," Wilder said.

The Disability Awareness Club, which includes Beltrán and Pérez, brought the issue to the attention of the University Parking and Traffic Committee in mid-December.

The panel agreed that there should be special decals for handicapped parking. Committee members are Domingo

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— Steve Wilder

counselor, Learning Support Center

Molina III, chair; Pat Abrego; Norma Benítez; Irma Cavazos; Carol Collinsworth; Anisa Gonzalez; and Leticia Villalon.

Before addressing the committee, Pérez said he sat inside a car at a handicapped parking space without displaying any permit to see whether an officer would issue him a citation.

Two campus security officers and a Brownsville police officer passed by without noticing that no permits were displayed.

A fourth officer approached Pérez, but did not issue a citation because Pérez had the proper permits.

The students feel there is a lack of parking spaces avail-

able for the disabled, but university officials disagree.

"There are 95 estimated handicapped parking spaces on campus ... we have gone beyond the normal spaces required by state law," Chief Juan Cardoza said.

Beltrán said he parked in the lot on Jackson and 24th Street and encountered some physical problems because of the distance between his classes and the parking lot.

"I had to get my knee checked more than three times because I constantly walked that distance and I would often fall because [my knee] was weak by the time I got to my classes," Beltrán said.

To obtain a special parking permit, disabled students must go to Campus Police headquarters, located in Cavalry Hall, and show proof of disability, Cardoza said.

Temporary and permanent permits are distributed with a doctor's excuse, which is kept on record.

Campus Police conducted routine checks last semester to see if the vehicles were registered under a disabled owner.

Officers call in the license plate and handicapped parking decal numbers to the office, which checks if the vehicle is registered as such.

About 700 drivers were cited for parking illegally in a handicapped space and charged \$35 each last semester, Cardoza said.

Cardoza said the handicapped parking permits are expected to arrive at least two weeks after the first day of class.

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Increases

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If all of the proposed fees are approved, the tuition for in-district TSC freshmen taking 12 credit hours would increase from \$733.98 to \$840.78, according to Albert Peña, administrative analyst for the vice president for Student Affairs. A UTB junior attending the School of Business can expect to pay \$1,106.78 for 12 credit hours next fall, up from \$937.98.

Students receive a statement of charges upon paying for their tuition, but it does not detail every charge.

Albert Barreda, dean of Enrollment Management, said the statement of charges was simplified so that just the basic information was available. He said a detailed statement would not be time effective and that most people would not use it, but it is available upon request.

"If a student wants a detailed statement, they can request one from the Business Office," Barreda said.

A tuition increase at the university would not exactly mean a corresponding increase in financial aid, Barreda said, because the amount of money given to the university is done so yearly.

For the fiscal year ending in August, UTB/TSC students received about \$26 million in financial assistance, with the average yearly award being \$2,700 to \$3,000 per student. Some receive more or less, depending on the amount of programs applied for and received. Financial aid includes loans, grants, scholarships, veteran benefits and work-study. About 7,000 students, or 70 percent of the student body, will receive some type of financial assistance, Barreda said.

Barreda said President Clinton signed a bill on Dec. 21 that would increase the maximum Pell Grant by \$450, meaning that the majority of students eligible for a Pell Grant will be receiving \$225 more per semester. The maximum Pell Grant award will go from \$3,300 to \$3,750.

Barreda said he expects that most students will experience an increase in Pell Grants this year and that part of the increases in tuition and fees will in fact be covered by financial aid.

The dean said an education is still one of the best investments that a person can get.

"There are few things that you can invest in that are better than the cost of an education," he said.

posed \$50 fee for admission to the upper division of the School of Business at its Nov. 28 meeting.

"The School of Business is working toward accreditation and we felt that in order to meet and to comply with accreditation and everything that it comes with, that the fee would assist in the preparation and the cost associated with accreditation," Castillo replied.

After being rejected by the fee panel, the Business School fee proposal went before the Student Affairs Partnership Committee on Dec. 6, where it was recommended for approval. This and the other fees recommended for approval also will be considered by the UT System board of regents.

Briefs

The International Students Organization is now open to all UTB/TSC students. For more information on joining the club, call sponsor **Thelma G. Sullivan** at 983-7092.

Chi Alpha will conduct its weekly meetings from noon to 1 p.m. every Monday beginning today in the Edman 1 Lecture Hall. Lunch will be served at every meeting. All are welcomed to attend. For more information, call **Mary L. Rodriguez** at 544-8223.

Tai Chi is a new club open to everyone on campus. The objective of the club is to introduce students to **Tai Chi Cheng Manching** style. No equipment is needed and if a person can walk, he/she is able to participate. The club will meet once a week, with the time and place to be determined by participants. For more information, call **Tom Welther** at 544-8862 or e-mail him at tomw@utb1.utb.edu.

The Graduate Student Association will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesday in South Hall 117. All graduate students are invited to attend. The association recently elected **Irma Alicia Peña** as its vice president. For more information about the association, call the **Office of Graduate Studies and Sponsored Programs** at 548-6552.

The Student Government Association invites all students to a **Town Hall meeting** at noon 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Gazebo Plaza. For more information, call 983-7254.

Ken Dychtewald, a gerontologist and founding president and chief executive officer of

Age Wave, will talk about his book "The Aging of the Baby Boomers" on the radio program "Society Under Fire," which airs at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 3:30 p.m. Sunday on KMBH (88.9 FM). Dychtewald is the author of 10 books about aging, including "Age Wave: The Challenges and Opportunities of an Aging America" and "Age Power: How the 21st Century will be ruled by the New Old." **David Pearson**, associate professor of Behavioral Sciences, hosts the program.

Students **Toward Excellence in Medicine** will have their first spring meeting from noon to 1 p.m. Jan. 26 in SET-B Q2-520. During the holidays, the organization hosted a chafeta (bingo) game at Whispering Palms Nursing Home in Brownsville. Each resident took part in the event and won door prizes such as hairbrushes, watercolors and notebooks. Members also visited with all the residents in the home. For more information about the organization, contact **Lori Gómez** at 492-1130.

The Catholic Campus Organization conducts mass at 12:20 p.m. every Thursday at the Newman Center. The priest is available for confessions an hour before mass or upon appointment. Lunch is served after mass. For more information, call 542-3942.

The Catholic Campus Organization hosts **Steal-A-Meal** for \$1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday at the Newman Center. For more information, call 542-3942.

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computer labs throughout campus.

Vicior Fuero, assistant vice president for Academic Affairs, said the increased tuition would help throughout the campus; however, as to the specifics on which labs he could not say.

Castillo said that after the public hearing, the designated tuition plan is reviewed by the UT System. The UT System board of regents will consider the proposal at its Feb. 14 meeting.

On a related matter, Perez asked why President Garcia "decided to not listen to the recommendation of the Student Fee Advisory Committee," which voted unanimously against a pro-

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Construction

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Information Systems will be able to expand.

The old bookstore site in North Hall has been converted into a suite of 12 offices for School of Education faculty in Tandy Hall.

"Their offices were literally 8 feet by 8 feet," Deaton explained. "That's about half the size of a normal office."

The completion date for the Life and Health Sciences Building is May 30. Faculty would move in over the summer and be ready for classes in the fall.

Foundation excavations for the Regional Academic Health Center and the Student Union have begun. According to Deaton, the RAHC and Student Union should see "substantial completion" by September.

The Student Union and

RAHC may not be available to students until Fall 2001 and Spring 2002.

Wayne Moore, vice president for Administration and Partnership Affairs, said UTB/TSC is asking the Texas Legislature for \$80 million to \$90 million in construction funds for four new buildings: Life Health Science Education, the School of Business, administrative student services such as registration and financial aid, and a classroom facility on the Texas State Technical Institute campus in Harlingen.

Moore says the university probably will not get all four buildings but is hoping for at least two.

Moore expects to have printed copies of the university Master Plan in a few months.

In November, the Southeast Union Junior

College District board of trustees accepted the plan to guide further expansion at UTB/TSC.

Official copies will be distributed to board members and be available in the library. An online copy is also possible.

February may see another construction contract awarded. One of the old USDA buildings near Physical Plant will be torn down to make room for the International Innovation Center, thanks to a \$1 million grant.

The facility will house small business incubators through Continuing Education.

UTB/TSC will actively follow up on acquiring the Port Mansfield Coast Guard site.

New laws regarding the disposal of federal property recently were enacted, adding paper work to the process. Moore hopes to have some

activity there in the fall.

The university also is trying to acquire two additional parcels of land on Jackson Street to put together enough contiguous space to turn the area into a regular parking lot.

Construction crews improved disabled access to the bookstore, Cavalry and Rusteberg after the university received a complaint about access two days prior.

Four wheelchair ramps were added and a fifth was rebuilt. The rebuild is covered by the contract. The existing ramp in the area took students from Rusteberg up the bookstore's service drive and was the only way to get from the Paseo to the bookstore.

"Technically, the university is compliant with the access in front of Rusteberg," Deaton said. "It is a reasonable access but it is not ideal because this is a high-traffic area. The

administration decided to spend the extra money because they don't want to just do what's good enough, they want to do the best they can."

Improvements to the golf course included restroom repairs, increased irrigation capacity and a new air-conditioning system.

Deaton said maintenance work and capital improvements allow the golf course to increase fees, generating extra income for the university.

The City of Brownsville paved the road to the golf course at the end of the fall semester.

Bids for the Technical Training Center came in \$1 million over budget last semester.

The project is on hold while the university seeks additional funding sources. The center

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Perry

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and universities are funded by ending most of the direct appropriations that institutions now get.

The state of Texas would guarantee a scholarship to every Texan who qualifies that would cover average tuition, fees and books at a public institution of higher education, Perry said.

"[This idea] puts students and parents first," Perry said. "It doesn't mean we would entirely eliminate direct funding for research and construction but it does mean more young, fertile minds are empowered to pursue their dreams regardless of family income, the color of their skin or the sound of their last name."

The commission also proposes that high school graduation requirements should be raised by establishing the Recommended High School Program as the minimum needed to graduate.

The Recommended Program is the basic college preparatory program in high schools and this is aimed at creating a "seamless pre-

16 educational system."

A statewide marketing campaign should be created to get citizens to realize that college can actually be a reality for every willing person. This would be similar to the "Don't Mess With Texas" anti-litter campaign, Perry said.

Also recommended is a program in which additional funding to colleges and universities would be an incentive for the pursuit of academic excellence and a lower student-faculty ratio.

Among other proposals is a plan to develop accountability measures for colleges and universities that demonstrate their progress in achieving academic excellence.

State regulation of institutions of higher education would be reduced.

Finally, a master plan that would set construction priorities in areas of the state where residents are under-represented would be developed.

"We have a good system of higher education in this state," Perry said, "but these proposals are to make a good system even better."

Endowment

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more funding.

"We are very encouraged by the confidence the Houston Endowment has shown in us,"

Zavaleta said. "I believe that the door is open for us to return in the future. We will be able to show them what we have done with the scholarships, how many students have graduated, what the eco-

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Agenda

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trustees and UT System officials to get a consensus on what UTB/TSC's agenda should be.

The university presents this agenda to the Legislature and based upon it, the Legislature creates a two-year budget.

Though it is unlikely the Legislature would approve everything on the agenda, presenting these proposals does put them "on the radar screen."

The university receives money from four sources, Zavaleta said.

It receives money locally from taxes and tuition and fees and, on the state level, from "formula" funding and special items and exceptional items. It is the latter two that must be approved by the Legislature.

"Most people think of UT-Austin and they hear that UT-Austin is phenomenally wealthy and they think that [UTB/TSC] is a little baby of UT-Austin so therefore the parents are feeding the baby and we have this access to lots of money," Zavaleta said. "That's not true. We are part of the UT System but we are an independent and autonomous component of the UT System."

Formula funding is established by the Legislature. This formula is based upon semester credit hours and enrollment and yields a certain dollar value. UTB and TSC use two different formulas because there are two separate formulas for colleges and universities.

However, only a percentage of that dollar value is received by these institutions.

The top priority on TSC's, and to a lesser extent, UTB's legislative agenda is a fight for full-formula funding.

Construction

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will house a portion of the building trades program, auto mechanics, air conditioning and refrigeration repair.

"We'll be doing some value engineering work on the Technical Training Center," Deaton said. "The project hasn't been scrapped. We're just trying to redesign it and find enough money to carry on."

The Texas State Association of Community Colleges develops a legislative agenda and UTB/TSC will support the effort to receive 100 percent of formula funding.

"Are we going to get it?" Zavaleta said. "No. But we'll stand shoulder to shoulder with our brethren in the community colleges in Texas and if we can increase 5 cents, 8 cents or develop a multi-year plan for reaching full-formula funding, that would be good."

Next on the agenda is the preservation and maintenance of the current legislative special.

Legislative special items and exceptional items are specific funds that colleges and universities request from the Legislature.

These funds are used for program development, library funding, faculty development, science and technology, new buildings, etc.

Among the items needed are new programs in science, math, engineering, education and liberal arts. Zavaleta has also put a communication degree on his personal agenda.

Also on the university's agenda are "special" special items, Zavaleta said.

Among these items are tuition revenue bonds and exceptional items.

Tuition revenue bonds must be approved by the Legislature and are used for one reason only—buildings.

UTB/TSC was asked to prioritize its tuition revenue bond needs and it has four priorities.

Priority one is Phase II of the Life and Health Science building. This is a request of \$24.6 million for a School of Education facility at the LHS as well as \$6 million needed to further equip the LHS and SET-B.

"We feel that this should be a slam dunk," Zavaleta said. "Nothing ever is but we feel it should."

The second priority is \$25.3 million for a School of Business building.

"President [Juliot V.] Garcia and I will struggle hard every day for this," Zavaleta said.

"This is the building that we want to come home with. The School of Business shares the South Building with the College of Liberal Arts and that's fine but it can't go on forever. Every school and college has got to have its own identity. Just like we need an education building, we need a School of Business building."

The third priority is \$18.2 million for an Administrative Student Support Services-General Purpose Office Building.

There are many programs crammed into Findy Hall and it is not a healthy environment, Zavaleta said.

This building would alleviate the space pressures and provide a positive working environment.

The fourth priority is a University Center in Harlingen. This would require a \$16.8 mil-

lion fund from the Legislature.

This would be a UTB building that would be constructed at Texas State Technical College.

The facility would be used for general purpose classrooms, student support services, faculty and administrative offices for students in the northern part of UTB's service area. TSTC would also offer courses at the Brownsville campus.

The next part of the legislative agenda is exceptional items.

"Everything requires the votes and support of the Legislature but these are very special categories and we must have the trust and faith of the legislators in us that these are important things," Zavaleta said.

"There are about 40 universities and 50 community colleges in Texas and everybody wants something and there's only so much money in the budget. Not everyone gets what they want," he said.

The first priority in exceptional items is \$3.6 million for the addition of 30 new faculty members.

Though this is not a particularly large increase in faculty, it is very realistic and should be approved, Zavaleta said.

The university also requests \$658,000 for construction of the Texas Center for Border Economic Development at the UTB campus.

"This must be established through law and the bill already has been filed by Rep. Rene Oliveira (D-Brownsville). This center would serve as the parent organization for the Cross-Border Institute for Regional Development."

Finally, UTB/TSC requests about \$1.1 million to develop a collaboration to promote pre-kindergarten-through-college (K-16) early intervention support programs to increase high school completion and increase the college admission rates of economically disadvantaged college students in the UTB service region.

In order to get any of these proposals approved, UTB must work through elected officials such as Oliveira, Rep. Jim Solis (D-Harlingen) and Sen. Eddie Lucio (D-Brownsville).

"We have a very ambitious legislative agenda and it amounts to almost \$200 million if you add it all up," Zavaleta said. "I hope I can be talking about how successful we were this coming May."

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On Campus

Food and fun greet students

By Alex Rivera

Staff Writer

You've opened the presents, tasted the new year, surfed the Web for weeks and worn out your TV remote control.

It's time now to search for a parking space, grab a desk at the front of the Biology 101 class and absorb the structure of life.

To make the transition easier, the Office of Student Activities will welcome students to Super Spring 2001 with a series of events this week.

Today through Thursday, there will be Information Tents set up outside the new UTB/TSC Bookstore, the old bookstore, the Amulfo L. Oliveira Library and Tandy Hall (Ridgely Road entrance).

Peter Ruiz, coordinator for Student Activities, said volunteers will be at the tents from 7:30 a.m. to noon and from 4:30 to 7:15 p.m., handing out brochures with information about campus departments, a campus activities calendar and "welcome" boxes filled with deodorant, pain relievers and cold remedies, shampoo, razors and an America Online sampler CD.

The boxes will be furnished by the bookstore.

Activities today include a Brown Bag Lunch at noon at the bookstore, where Purvis Carter, a professor of history at Prairie View A&M University will present a lecture on Martin

Luther King Jr.

The event also will feature a drawing for a pedal scooter.

At 6:30 tonight, the university will mark King's birthday with "An Evening of Celebration" at the SET-B Lecture Hall. Carter will be the keynote speaker, and there will be performances by the Livingway Praise Choir and Soul Children of the Valley, as well as a poetry reading by Social Sciences Professor Manuel Medrano.

On Tuesday, the Office of Student Activities has scheduled an array of activities, including free movies and music, and SI haircuts at the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. From 5:30 to 7 p.m., a "Taste of UTB/TSC" will feature free food from campus food vendors at the Endowment Courtyard.

Free hot dogs will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and from 5 to 7 p.m., Wednesday at the Gazebo Plaza. The band Stone Free will perform during the cook-out.

Also at noon Wednesday, the Student Government Association will sponsor a Town Hall meeting to discuss the university's legislative agenda, SGA elections and other campus issues.

Thursday's events are from noon to 2 p.m. and will include an ice cream social, a pop rally, pool tables, ping-pong and a bike giveaway.

Bringing cheer to children



Courtesy Photo

Members of the Rotaract Club are shown with children from Casa Hogar; Nuestra Señora del Refugio in Matamoros. Members entertained the children during a posada last month at the Brownsville and Matamoros Bridge Co. The children received toys, food and candy. Members shown are (back row, from left) Eddie Chávez; Roberto Madrazo, B&M Bridge employee; Osvaldo Sánchez; Nubia Echeverria; Maria Polanco; José F. Galvan, B&M Bridge president and chief operating officer, and Mary Ann Galvan, Kneeling are Angelica Maria Garcia, Rotaract president, and Roberto Contreras.

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On Campus

Late fall crime statistics released

By Ildefonso Ortiz
Tribune Nuevo Editor

Three burglaries and six thefts were reported on campus late last semester, according to statistics released recently by the UT/UTSC Campus Police.

Last month, a car stereo valued at \$125 was taken in a burglary of a vehicle parked on International Boulevard.

Four thefts, including one of state property, also were reported in December. On Dec. 12, Printing Services reported the theft of 300 offset plates valued at \$1.30 each. The total value of the stolen state property was estimated at \$390.

According to Sgt. Joe Lopez, the investigation of the plate thefts is ongoing.

On Dec. 4, a book valued at \$125 was stolen from the UT/UTSC Bookstore. The suspect, a former student, was arrested outside the bookstore and charged with theft, according to Officer Dave

Marquez.

In November, there were two burglaries totaling \$975, and two thefts totaling \$1,045. A laptop computer valued at \$500 was lifted from a vehicle in front of the Education Building.

"The laptop was left in plain view, all they had to do was break the window and take it," Sgt. Joe Lopez said.

The other burglary was a car stereo valued at \$450 taken from a vehicle parked on International Boulevard.

On Nov. 13, a Fetal Doppler Ortho-Scope valued at \$995 was taken from Student Health Services.

"This is still an ongoing investigation, however, there were no signs of forced entry," Marquez said of the equipment theft.

In addition, a Mexican flag was reported missing from the Duffley Plaza on Nov. 13.

"The flag hasn't been reported stolen," Marquez said. "It is very probable that it was misplaced."

Court denies anorexic student's injunction to return to school

By Matthew McGuire
TMS Campus

A federal judge denied a student seeking an injunction to allow her to re-enroll at Stonehill College after the school refused her enrollment because she was anorexic.

U.S. District Judge Rya W. Zobel said Jan. 5 that Stonehill College may have damaged Ken Krissik's self-esteem but the suit failed to prove that Krissik will suffer "irreparable harm" if she is not immediately re-enrolled at Stonehill, court documents said.

School officials have said Stonehill is not equipped to care for Krissik and they do not believe she is well enough to return to classes, which begin Wednesday.

"To return to the College, Keri must do more than assert that she is well enough to manage the demands of living 120 miles away from home and handle a competitive academic program," said a statement issued by the college after the court decision. "Before she returns, our health care professionals and student life staff must see extensive and complete medical evidence—not simply unsupported assertions—that Keri's condition has stabilized."

Stonehill denied Krissik enrollment for the Fall 2000 semester after she suffered cardiac arrest at her home in Milford, Conn., in April.

She took the remainder of the

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Standing in line



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Students stand in line at the Business Office in Tandy Hall in order to pick up their statement of charges and pay

for their tuition. Last Tuesday was the deadline to pay for the Spring telephone registration.

Tight job market has Texas students calling the shots

By Katy Marquardt
Knight-Ridder Tribune

University of Texas senior Diana Lucio is a part-time waitress now, but she will be a hot commodity for employers in a variety of fields when she graduates next year.

Lucio, who is double-majoring in communications science and disorders and speech communications, has an internship lined up for the spring with the Texas attorney general's office and is already thinking about graduate school.

"I know that just because I'm graduating doesn't mean I'm going to get a good job, but I feel pretty comfortable about getting out there," she said. "I think there is a need out there for what I do."

The job market for graduates such as Lucio is so tight that employers are projecting a healthy 23.4 percent increase in college hiring next year, according to Job Outlook 2001, an annual survey of nearly 500 employers by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

They expect to make one-fifth of their job offers to new grads. Career counselors at area col-

leges say the seller's market is responsible for new attitudes among job seekers.

Although many graduating seniors already have job offers, others are waiting longer to apply and are being choosier. Some are even taking detours before entering the professional world.

"It is a fascinating work world right now. Students are really riding the tide," said Curt Schaefer, director of career services at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos.

Although the job market is lucrative for almost all majors, the demand is highest for candidates with degrees in computer science, accounting, business administration and engineering, according to the survey.

The demand is fueled by companies such as Austin-based National Instruments Corp., which plans to hire 20 percent to 25 percent more recent graduates next year. Mark Finger, vice president of human resources, said the company hired more than 200 from the Class of 2000.

"All the big boys are flexing their muscles, the IBMs, the Microsofts... we're all seeing a significant increase in hiring

bonuses and options," he said. "I've been in the game 20 years and haven't even seen anything like it."

Many employers recruiting through UT's College of Engineering are making job offers earlier in the academic year, said Michael Powell, assistant director of the Engineering Career Assistance Center.

Austin-based Applied Materials Inc., which recruits engineering majors, is not looking to increase the number of graduates it recruits next year because of the volatile economy, said Sheri Allen, manager of the company's college programs.

But recruiting is still tough, she said.

"It's more competitive, so we're getting our name out and talking to freshmen and sophomores earlier, sponsoring more events on campus and getting to know the faculty."

More than 500 companies recruit business majors on the UT campus, a number that has risen about 10 percent during the last few years, said Sharon Lutz, director of UT's Ford Career Center.

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On Campus

Young investors nervous as stock values decrease

By Grace Shim
Knight-Ridder Tribune

Watching the value of your portfolio drop by half is never easy the first time around.

Many investors whose stock market experience covers less than five years, one of the best five-year periods in stock market history, are smarting from a painful lesson in market correction.

Last year was volatile. The Nasdaq, heavy with technology stocks, by mid-December had taken a 50 percent dive from its March peak.

Ernie Goss, an economics professor at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., has noticed that among his students "a lot are very discouraged with the market."

Younger people are more likely to be growth investors and growth stocks had a tough time during the latter part of 2000, he explained.

Young people, Goss said, likely haven't known anything but economic growth.

"If you graduated after March 1991, you haven't seen a recession," he said. "You haven't seen significant unemployment."

The rise in stock market values beginning in late 1994 was spectacular, a climb of more than 175 percent in the Dow Jones industrial average, 350 percent in the Nasdaq and more than 200 percent in the Standard & Poor's 500.

Those kinds of returns heightened expectations.

Cella Quinn, an Omaha financial adviser, cites a recent Gallup poll that said investors younger than 40 expect returns to average 21.9 percent a year.

The reality, she said, is that the average annual stock market return from 1928 to 1999 was 10.5 percent.

And since 1928, a 10-year average annual return of 21.9

percent has never occurred. The highest one-year gain was 19 percent.

"There's only been five times since 1928 that the stock market returns have been over 19 percent on a 10-year average annual return," she said.

Chris Hastings, of American Express Financial Advisors in Omaha, said the combination of a hot market and the promotion of financial products pushed young people with little or no experience to invest, many of them around the time the Nasdaq peaked.

"They're buying tech stocks, not being pleased with 10 to 15 percent returns," he said. "The biggest thing for me is helping people under 30 understand the returns of 30-40-50 percent that we've seen over the last two years are not the most realistic expectations."

"The conglom I've seen is the emotional experience of seeing your account go down 50 percent for the year," he said. "A lot of people who have recently invested have not seen that happen before."

Take Sam Saad, a first-year law student at Creighton University.

He started investing in 1996, buying Worldcom stock at age 19. Last year, he watched his portfolio, composed largely of technology stocks, drop 50 percent.

Saad said that he picked stocks through research and by watching the cable financial channel, CNBC. With his parents' and broker's help, Saad picked different technology stocks that he considered popular.

"It's been crazy," he said. "It will be tougher to pay for school."

But, he added, "I don't worry about it that much."

Some younger investors say the market has deterred

them from investing in technology stocks for a while; some have cashed out.

Others say they try not to pay much attention to their statements or to the news. Many more say they are just waiting it out—for the long term.

Hastings, the financial adviser with American Express, said he's seen a lot of self-investors now seeking professional advice.

He said that he's also seen that about 85 percent of younger investors' goals are toward long-term investing.

Take University of Nebraska-Lincoln graduate student Ryan Hayes, 25, for instance.

He's had the joy of watching his initial investment turn into \$65,000, thanks to the technology stock boom.

And he's felt the pain of his portfolio dwindling to \$41,000 due to the technology stock bust.

"I got so killed over a couple months," Hayes said. "I've tried to not hit that panic button."

"It's easy to get caught up watching it every day. My home page with Excite has my portfolio. It has been incredibly painful watching it."

Hayes started investing in high school and opened a managed account with Salomon Smith Barney four or five years ago, a period in which he has seen 15 percent to 18 percent returns.

"It was fun the last few years," he said. Now, he tries "not to watch it. I know a lot of people who are pretty shocked and who converted their investments into cash."

Hayes said he leaves the decision-making to his portfolio manager, who recently has diversified Hayes' holdings away from a heavy load of technology stocks.

Academic Computing offers free computer seminars

The UTR/TSC Academic Computing Department will conduct free computer seminars for students, staff and faculty beginning later this month.

Seminars are held in the department's Instructional Room, located on the second floor of the Arnolfo L. Oliveira Memorial Library.

Register online by following, in the university's home page (www.utb.edu), the links Services/Academic Computing/Seminars. For more information, call Jose L. Briones at 982-0282.

Seminar times and dates are as follows:

- The Word (basic formatting): 8 a.m. Jan. 29, 3 p.m. Feb. 1, 8 a.m. Feb. 6, 10 a.m. Feb. 9 and 7 p.m. Feb. 14.

- Word (characters and graphics): 10 a.m. Jan. 30, 3 p.m. Feb. 1, 8 a.m. Feb. 12 and 8 a.m. Feb. 16.

- Word (mail merge): 5 p.m. Jan. 31, 7 p.m. Feb. 7 and 10 a.m. Feb. 13.

- Excel (data entry and formulas): 10 a.m. Jan. 29, 5

p.m. Feb. 1, 1 p.m. Feb. 5, 7 p.m. Feb. 8 and 1 p.m. Feb. 15.

- Excel (functions): 7 p.m. Jan. 31, 1 p.m. Feb. 8 and 1 p.m. Feb. 13.

- Frontpage (basics): 1 p.m. Jan. 29, 7 p.m. Feb. 1, 3 p.m. Feb. 5, 8 a.m. Feb. 9 and 1 p.m. Feb. 14.

- Frontpage (intermediate): 3 p.m. Jan. 30, 1 p.m. Feb. 7, 1 p.m. Feb. 12 and 3 p.m. Feb. 15.

- PowerPoint (autocontent wizard): 3 p.m. Jan. 29, 8 a.m. Feb. 2, 10 a.m. Feb. 5, 5 p.m. Feb. 8 and 3 p.m. Feb. 14.

- PowerPoint (basics): 1 p.m. Jan. 31, 1 p.m. Feb. 6, 3 p.m. Feb. 12 and 5 p.m. Feb. 15.

- PowerPoint (intermediate): 1 p.m. Feb. 1, 5 p.m. Feb. 7 and 3 p.m. Feb. 13.

- Web search: 8 a.m. Jan. 30, 10 a.m. Feb. 2, 8 a.m. Feb. 5, 3 p.m. Feb. 8 and 5 p.m. Feb. 14.

- Webmail: 3 p.m. Jan. 31, 10 a.m. Feb. 6, 8 a.m. Feb. 13 and 7 p.m. Feb. 15.

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Spring 2000 semester off and made up three of her five classes over the summer, said Abbe L. Ross, an attorney representing Krissik.

Ross argued that Stonehill's decision not to allow Krissik to re-enroll "was a blow to her self-esteem and that to undo that damage and to progress in her battle against anorexia she

must be allowed to re-enroll in Stonehill," according to court documents.

During the fall semester, Krissik attended Albertus Magnus College while Ross tried to persuade the administration at Stonehill that Krissik was both mentally and physically able to attend the college.

Anorexia nervosa is a serious eating disorder characterized by compulsive fasting and a fear of gaining weight.

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Most seniors who will graduate with a bachelor's of business administration in May have been offered jobs, and the majority will make their decisions by early March, Lutz said.

"The BBAs are enjoying a really healthy recruiting season, so they don't feel the sense of urgency that they used to," she said.

The competition is so fierce that the career center has noticed an increase in "exploding offers," Lutz said, in which companies give students a short time to make a decision or offer a bonus if they accept the job quickly.

But other companies are giving students up to a year to decide and offering flexible start dates because students with so many options are asking for more time.

Viewpoint

Chavez withheld data in job interview

By Larry Eichel

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

Don't cry too many tears for Linda Chavez. She may be a fine human being, and she seems to have done far more than most of us to help the less fortunate. But her protestations to the contrary, she is not the latest victim of the politics of personal destruction.

When she took her name out of consideration for secretary of Labor last Tuesday, denying any suggestion that she had been shoved out the door by allies of President-elect George W. Bush, it was because of what she had done to herself, not anything that had been done to her.

She had committed a major political mistake, one that her candidacy could not survive. That mistake had little to do with whether she knew that the Guatemalan woman who lived in her home was or was not an illegal immigrant—although she acknowledged Tuesday, "I think I always knew." It had little to do with whether the woman was or was not a domestic employee in the eyes of the law.

No, her error was that she had been less than forthcoming in a job interview with her would-be employer. This is never a good idea, especially if you want to be a member of the Cabinet.

If there is anything certain in American political life, it is that the best way to deal with potentially damaging information is to acknowledge the facts as quickly as possible, and do so on one's own terms. But Chavez, a conservative newspaper columnist and former Reagan administration official, must have feared that if she had told the Bush folks about the woman in question, Marta Mercado, there would never have been any nomination to be Labor secretary.

In announcing her withdrawal, Chavez acknowledged

that she had "made the mistake" of not mentioning Mercado to the vetting crew from the Bush-Cheney transition committee. "I did not volunteer it in our very first conversation," she said, presumably meaning she did not tell them until news reports last weekend forced the issue.

Chavez said that it had not occurred to her that having provided the Guatemalan woman shelter for two years in the early 1990s, given her money on a regular basis and let her do some household chores "might be misinterpreted" as domestic employment. So she decided to keep the information to herself, trying to make sure that no one would have the chance to make that misinterpretation.

If we take her at her word—that she simply did not think the matter through—then that alone is a serious lapse in judgment, serious enough to kill the nomination of an individual whose credentials, in any event, did not stack up well against the other heavyweights Bush had chosen for his team.

The lapse in judgment was particularly severe considering that in 1993 Chavez had been outspoken in her criticism of Zoe Baird, President Clinton's first choice for attorney general. Baird's nomination, you will recall, was derailed because of the disclosure that she had employed an illegal immigrant in her home and not paid Social Security taxes. At the time, Chavez said that what really galled the American people was not the taxes but "that she had hired an illegal alien."

Last Tuesday, Chavez seemed to place part of the blame for her public humiliation on the haste with which the Bush team had had to select and screen would-be nominees, given the 36 days lost to the Florida recount. And she has a point.

Under normal circum-



stances, a more thorough, less rushed investigation of Chavez would have been done in advance of her being nominated. Her failure to have mentioned Marta Mercado in an initial interview would not have turned into a public crisis. Presumably, the lapse would have been discovered by the FBI, not the news media, and Bush would have been able to decide, on his own terms and out of the limelight, whether going ahead with Chavez was worth the trouble.

I had not jumped on the anti-Chavez bandwagon before Tuesday, and had no immediate plans to do so,

largely because of accounts of her generosity to newcomers to this country other than Mercado. At her withdrawal news conference, she surrounded herself with some of those people, and they showered her with heartfelt testimonials.

Chavez talked of how others had helped her during her own difficult childhood and her vow that "I would be there for other people." She seems to have kept that vow.

But that does not make her the victim in this saga. She made an ill-advised decision to hide relevant facts from her would-be employer and she paid the price.

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Sports

Golf team ready for new challenge

By Trey Mendez
Sports Editor

The UTB/TSC Men's and Women's golf teams didn't perform up to par during the fall semester but still have the entire Spring semester left in the bag. Both teams will host a tournament in the spring, beginning with the Men's Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr. Intercollegiate Golf Tournament Feb. 9-11. The tournament will be held at the Rancho Viejo Country Club and will have a 12-team field.

The women's team will host the first tournament on its schedule Feb. 23-25 at the Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin.

Coach Jesse Lucio is looking forward to spring for both teams.

"All I can think of are positive things," he said. "The newcomers showed some talent."

Unfortunately for Lucio, the women's team lost two members because of grades. The women's roster now stands at five, just enough to complete a team.

"The women's team didn't do as well as I had expected," Lucio said. "They need to work on their short game, it makes the difference between shooting in the 90s and shooting in the 70s."

On the bright side, the women's team will automatically receive a bid to play in the national tournament, which is to be held in Oklahoma in May.

"The women had good high school experience" Lucio said, "I expect them to take off on that."

Lucio expects the men's



Jesse Lucio

team to have seven players on the roster after losing one player to academic ineligibility. They are scheduled to compete in five tournaments in the spring before moving on to the state meet in San Angelo, where the top six teams compete in regionals. If the Scorpions make it to regionals, which will be held in Shreveport, La., they must place in the top three in order to move on to the national tournament.

A bid to nationals would not be too big of a surprise to the team, which has found itself consistently among the top four or five teams in most tournaments it has competed in this far.

For now, Lucio is nothing but optimistic.

"We are going to work hard at getting united as a team to make sure we accomplish our goals," he said. "I think we can do it."

2001 UTB/TSC Scorpions Baseball Schedule*

*through March

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME/INNINGS
Feb. 3	Laredo Palominos	Brownsville	12 p.m. 1-7/1-9
Feb. 4	Laredo Palominos	Brownsville	11 a.m. 1-9*1-7
Feb. 10	Wharton Pioneers	Wharton	12 p.m. 1-7/1-9
Feb. 11	Wharton Pioneers	Wharton	11 a.m. 1-9
Feb. 17	San Jacinto Gators	Brownsville	12 p.m. 1-7/1-9
Feb. 18	San Jacinto Gators	Brownsville	11 a.m. 1-9
Feb. 24	Blinn Buccaneers	Blinn	12 p.m. 1-7/1-9
Feb. 25	Blinn Buccaneers	Blinn	11 a.m. 1-9
Mar. 3	Alvin Dolphins	Brownsville	12 p.m. 1-7/1-9
Mar. 4	Alvin Dolphins	Brownsville	11 a.m. 1-9
Mar. 10	Galveston Whitecaps	Galveston	12 p.m. 1-7/1-9
Mar. 11	Galveston Whitecaps	Galveston	11 a.m. 1-9
Mar. 11	South Suburban	Galveston	11 a.m. 1-9
Mar. 17	OPEN DATE	Galveston	3 p.m. *1-9
Mar. 18	OPEN DATE		
Mar. 21	Independence, Kan.	Brownsville	12 p.m. *1-7/1-9
Mar. 22	Independence, Kan.	Brownsville	11 a.m. *1-9
Mar. 24	Laredo Palominos	Laredo	12 p.m. 1-7/1-9
Mar. 25	Laredo Palominos	Laredo	11 a.m. 1-9
Mar. 31	Wharton Pioneers	Brownsville	12 p.m. 1-7/1-9

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Tiempo Nuevo

Empleados celebran el día de los tres reyes magos

Por Tavitia Plata
Reportera

Aún en este nuevo siglo, la universidad sigue celebrando las antiguas tradiciones.

Por ejemplo, el mes pasado patrocinó una posada y pastorela para la comunidad, y este mes, conmemoró otra tradición, la navidad.

Más de cincuenta empleados de UTB/TSC se reunieron el 5 de enero en el lobby del edificio Tandy para celebrar el día de los Reyes Magos.

La tradición de celebrar "El día de los Reyes Magos o Santos Reyes" el día 6 de enero, tiene origen en el Nuevo Testamento de la Biblia, que describe cuando llegaron los tres reyes con regalos al estable donde nació el niño Jesús. Los regalos fueron: oro, incienso y mirra.

"Desde la Edad Media, principalmente en Francia, empezó a conmemorarse la adoración a los magos, eligiendo un 'rey de las fiestas' en esas fechas", según la página del Internet, www.adi.uam.es/~depaz/bel/en.html. "Se reunían en la noche familiares y amigos alrededor de una rosca de pan dulce, en la que

escondían un haba, como símbolo del cuerpo de Jesús que con sus padres fue a Egipto, huyendo de la persecución de Herodes".

Actualmente, se ha sustituido por un muñequito de plástico.

Un profesor de UTB/TSC describió la historia de los reyes.

"[Los reyes] se les llaman sabios porque estudiaban la astrología y en la Navidad vieron el espectáculo de una estrella que nunca habían visto", dijo Delbert Runyon, profesor de lectura del Departamento de Lenguas Modernas. "La siguieron y llegaron adonde había nacido el niño Jesús. Cuando se dieron cuenta de que era algo extraordinario le hicieron regalos al niño, y ahí empezó la tradición que se acostumbró de dar regalos a los niños el 6 de enero".

En cada hogar reciben regalos los niños, poniendo un zapato cerca de la ventana para que los Reyes Magos dejen los regalos.

En la universidad no se dan regalos, pero se ofrece una merienda.

"Este es el segundo año que celebra la universidad el Día de los Reyes Magos", dijo Alberto Peña, analista administrativo para la

División de Asuntos Estudiantiles. "Lo hacemos principalmente con empleados porque los estudiantes están de vacaciones".

Cincuenta y cinco personas asistieron a la celebración para contar la rosca de reyes. El pan fue acompañado con chocolate caliente y atole de arroz.

Cuando se corta la rosca se espera que a alguien le toque el muñequito (o monito). Los que se hallan el muñequito, tradicionalmente preparan una merienda.

"La responsabilidad es hacer el Día de la Candelaria [2 de febrero] una merienda e invitar a la gente a su casa", dijo Peña. "En este caso, como son empleados, sería una merienda aquí dentro de la universidad. En el mismo lugar haríamos algo parecido".

Todos los asistentes esperaban ansiosos para saber a quién le tocaba el muñequito pero desafortunadamente no salió a luz ningún muñequito.

La Candelaria es el día cuarenta después del nacimiento de Jesús.

En ese día, "se hizo una procesión de presentar al niño Jesús al templo", dijo Runyon.



ROSCA DE REYES. FOTOGRAFÍA: J. COLLAZO

Diana Salas, secretaria para Servicios de Salud Estudiantiles ayuda a servir la rosca de reyes a sus compañeros de trabajo el día 5 de enero. La rosca fue acompañada de chocolate caliente y atole de arroz. Los asistentes comían nerviosos esperando encontrar el muñequito dentro de su pieza de pan.

Policia del campus proporciona estadísticas

Por Ildefonso Ortiz
Editor de Tiempo Nuevo

Tres robos con allanamiento y seis robos fueron reportados en el campus en los últimos dos meses del año, pasado según las estadísticas proporcionadas por la policía de UTB/TSC.

El mes pasado, un estereó valorado en \$125 fue robado de un vehículo estacionado en International Boulevard en un robo con allanamiento.

Cuatro robos, incluyendo un robo de propiedad del estado fueron reportados en

diciembre. El día 12 de diciembre, el servicio de imprenta del campus reportó el robo de 300 placas de imprenta con un valor de \$1.50 cada una. El valor total del robo fue de \$390.

Según el sargento Joe López, la investigación de las placas todavía está activa.

El día cuatro de diciembre, un libro con valor de \$125 fue robado de la biblioteca de UTB/TSC. El sospechoso, un antiguo estudiante de UTB/TSC, fue arrestado afuera de la librería y se lo llevaron cargos por robo, según el oficial Dave

Marquez.

En noviembre, ocurrieron dos robos con allanamiento con un valor agregado de \$975, y dos robos con un valor agregado de \$1,045. Una computadora portátil valorada en \$500 fue robada de un vehículo enfrente del Edificio de Educación.

"La computadora estaba a plena vista, todo lo que tenían que hacer era romper la ventana y llevársela", dijo López.

El otro robo con allanamiento fue de un estereó con un valor de \$450 robado de un vehículo estacionado en International

Boulevard.

El día 13 de noviembre, un Ortoescopio Fetal Doppler valorado en \$995 fue tomado de Servicios Estudiantiles de Salud.

"Esta investigación todavía está activa, no hubo rastros de haber forzado la entrada", dijo Marquez sobre el equipo robado.

Ese mismo día una bandera mexicana fue reportada perdida de la plaza Duffey.

"La bandera no ha sido reportada como robada", dijo Marquez. "Es muy probable que la hayan puesto en un lugar equivocado".

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Arts & Entertainment

'Survivor' II: Let the games begin, again

By Ed Bark

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

PASADENA, Calif.—"Do you think Richard Hatch kicking off would be too much?" asked CBS president Leslie Moonves.

Maybe. But perhaps he could run a naked review.

"Survivor" hype resumed in earnest last week, with Moonves jokingly referring to the show's first big winner after being asked how Super Bowl XXXV might be used to promote what could be an even bigger event. The two TV turn-ons will be paired on Jan. 28, when "Survivor: The Australian Outback" follows the game.

"If it's a blowout, we may eliminate showing the fourth quarter and go right to 'Survivor,' Moonves said.

Otherwise it's serious business. CBS already has committed to two more editions of "Survivor." Moonves announced. The third is scheduled for the fall and will originate from the Amazon, Peru,

Brazil or Africa, executive producer Mark Burnett said. The fourth likely will arrive early next year.

"And hopefully, in the near future, we'll be announcing 'Survivor 19' and 'Survivor 20,'" Moonves said.

As previously reported, CBS has scheduled the "Australian Outback" edition on Thursdays at 7 p.m. Central Time after the post-Super Bowl launch. Its principal competition will be NBC's "Friends," which Moonves developed while he headed Warner Bros. Television.

Now CBS has further upped the stakes by moving its first-year drama "C.S.I." from Fridays at 8 p.m. CT to Thursdays at the same hour, following "Survivor." That combination, and ABC's continuing Thursday editions of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire," could bring a quick end to NBC's long-standing dominance of the night. Nothing personal, though.

"Well, since the day I walked into CBS I've been dreaming of

blowing 'Friends' off the air," said Moonves, again kidding. "The move was not an anti-NBC or anti-'Friends' move. It's the night we're weakest. We haven't been competitive [on Thursdays] since 'Knots Landing' was on the air. So if not now, when? I don't expect 'Friends' to suddenly fall off the air. I think it's still going to do well."

"Survivor's" new cast, which was announced last week, includes 26-year-old auto customizer Colby Donaldson, a native of Christoval, Texas, who recently moved to Dallas.

Burnett, who said he personally viewed 1,000 videotaped auditions after they were winnowed down from 49,000, was asked why Donaldson made it to the final 16.

"Strong man," he said cryptically. And?

"Think what that means. That's like in a movie, the strong leading man. He's a guy's guy and has everything going for him from the look to the physical presence to his brain. He's a cool guy."

None of the contestants was present at Tuesday's "Survivor" press conference, which also included genial host Jeff Probst.

CBS contractually prohibits any of the 16 newcomers from commenting on the show until or when they're voted off. Average age of the second crop is 33, compared to 35 for the original 16. The first batch had three 60-plus competitors, including crusty Rudy Boesch, 72. The oldest of the Australia contingent is 53-year-old Rodger Bingham, a teacher and farmer from Crittenden, Ky.

"Maybe a little more sex appeal, but we think it's a great group just like the first one was," Moonves said. "The first group was full of surprises, and we think the second is as well."

Probst later made a more descriptive comparison.

"Whereas the first group were virgins, everyone here came to play," he said. "Richard Hatch would be eaten alive by this group."

Contestants spent 42 days in the outback, returning last

month under cloaks of secrecy.

"Nobody broke our perimeter," Burnett said, noting that there were two inconsequential "air incursions" during taping.

The staple food of the Australian competitors was rice, he said. And although a kangaroo appears in the show's new logo, kangaroo eating was off-limits.

"We're not going to go down the road with a free-for-all, with skippy [kangaroo] on the barbecue," he said.

Burnett happily spread disinformation to Internet addicts of the first "Survivor," and will gladly do so again.

"We can play the game," he said. "It's a fun game."

He began playing anew after a critic wondered whether any of the cast members from the first "Survivor" would appear on or be connected in any way to the sequel.

After a long pause, Burnett said, "No."

"Are you lying?" his questioner retorted.

This time Burnett just smiled.



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Arts & Entertainment

And now...another virgin speaks

By Harlan Cohen
TMS Campus

Dear Harlan: I was very comforted to read the letter you published signed by "A Virgin." I am a virgin in my early 20s, so it's great to hear of people who feel the same way. I wasn't always comfortable with my virginity. I even lied to my friends about it at one point. I guess what turned it around for me was seeing how complicated things became for some of the people around me once they became sexually active. Suddenly, I started thinking being a virgin was really a choice I had made, not a curse I had been bestowed upon. I personally believe anyone can have sex if they really put their mind into it. Virginity is something that most people think only applies

to either very unattractive or extremely religious individuals. I am neither. I have simply not met anybody yet that I have felt close enough to be physically intimate with in that way. I don't feel being a virgin causes me to miss out on romantic opportunities, if anything, I think it "weeds out" the bad ones. If a person truly cared about me, they would be with me regardless of whether I'm a virgin or not. One more thing—I am male. So I guess not every guy is all about getting some.

Another Virgin

Dear Another Virgin: You're still a guy who wants some, you just want some that has meaning, too. It's very cool to hear from a man who appreciates virginity. You

respect yourself and I'm sure you respect the people you date. Thanks for taking the time from not having sex to share your story.

Dear Harlan: I am a 26-year-old female, single, and full-time teacher, born in Romania, who lived in Canada for 15 years. I am currently living at home with parents. I would like to move away to be more independent. There is no gay in the picture. My parents are very traditional and think that it is wrong for me to leave home before marriage. They've been crying ever since I told them about my desire to move out. This was three weeks ago.

If I leave, they never want to see me again. They don't want to hear about my wedding, and don't want to see my

grandchildren. My mom has taken me out of her will for even missing the issue. How can I leave without destroying my relationship with them? I feel so guilty. I was only planning to leave in the summer, but I'm not sure if I can take much more of the crying. I'm also scared. If I don't have my parents, I have no other family. Please help.

Homebound

Dear Homebound: At least they're not overly dramatic...

It's selfish of your parents, but they don't know any different. Your project over the next few months is to find a way to help your parents understand. Find people who share the same traditions and have been in similar situations. Use them as examples

and contacts to help get through to your parents. If your family is religious, talk to your clergy and explore a spiritual pathway—bring your parents along. Consider family counseling with someone who specializes in this kind of conflict, look for a Romanian counselor if possible. Look for a roommate with strong Romanian values as a compromise. Just explore and exhaust all your options before taking the only option left. Only then will you know what to do come summer.

Harlan is not a licensed therapist, but he is a licensed driver and author of the book, "Campus Life Exposed: Advice from the Inside." Write Harlan via e-mail at harlan@helpmeharlan.com. All letters submitted become property of the column.

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It's not in your stars ...

By Armando Flores
Collegian Editor

Aries (March 21-April 19): You will discover the wonders of Ritalin.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Wandering around on the Internet, you will find a company that uses your face as its logo, or is it your face?

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You will get some plastic surgery, as in your credit cards will be cut in half.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): It will finally dawn on you that, yes, you are addicted to caffeine. Now go around screaming, "Stop the press!" at the top of your lungs.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22):

You will find yourself a perpetrator of "desk rage."

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You will realize that your resolution to not make any New Year's resolutions was broken the minute you decided to make that resolution.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There will be a disturbance in the force, either that or you're just purposefully talking in a different accent than usual.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You will be upset that a statue of a male got an invitation to the Inaugural Ball and not you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Getting a good hit on the head, you will wake up

thinking you are a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle. Please refrain from saying "Dude" and "Cowabunga!" too much.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You will find yourself surrounded by giggling red-headed, As to why they are giggling, well, I think that's pretty obvious.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This week you will join a secret society, only you'll be ousted for telling everybody that you are in a secret society.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be unable to get the theme to "Sex and the City" out of your head, so much so that you'll go walking around in a tux.

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BY BILLY O'KEEFE WWW.MR.BILLY.COM

A&E Briefs

The University Cinema Club will present "Daughters of the Dust," an American movie set in 1902 and directed by Julie Dash, at 7 p.m. Friday in SET-B 2.548.

UTB/TSC music students will perform in the second annual Night of 1000 Notes. The scholarship and Texas Music Educators Association fund-raiser will take place at 8 p.m. Jan. 22 at the SET-B Lecture Hall. The event will feature selections

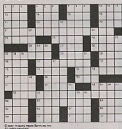
from opera to jazz. Admission is \$4 presale and \$5 at the door. For more ticket information, call 544-8247.

If you would like your next arts and entertainment event published in the briefs section, please call Joaquin Chavez at 544-8263, e-mail her at collegian@utb.tsc.edu or visit The Collegian office, located in the Student Center. The deadline for the Jan. 22 issue is 5 p.m. today.



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